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Mr. Robert T. Maruca, Director
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Dear Mr. Maruca:

I am responding to your recent correspondence by approving a 90-day temporary extension of your Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0173.90.R1. This waiver provides services to mentally retarded and developmentally disabled individuals who would otherwise require institutionalization in an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR). The HCBSW No. 0173.90.R1 expires on September 28, 2001. This temporary extension is to ensure continued operation of the waiver pending receipt of the renewal request.

Because a decision regarding renewal of the waiver could not be made before the current waiver expires on September 28, 2001, I am granting the State of New Mexico a second 90-day temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0173.90.R1. This program is approved under section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services from September 29, 2001 through December 27, 2001 with Federal financial participation at the per capita cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley of my staff at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
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cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

